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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

### SUMMARY

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#### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 61.6 degrees, 0.9 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 24. Precipitation averaged 1.79 inches, 1.12 inches above normal. Heavy rain and torandoes affected parts of central Ohio during the week. The extent of the tornado damage to agricultural crops is still undetermined.

Reporters rated 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, September 22. This is 1.3 days behind 1999, but 0.3 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Last year at this time, topsoil moisture was rated 91 percent short to very short.

##### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2000	5.5	4.0	108.2
1999	6.4	6.8	144.0
1995-1999	5.2	6.0	119.8

##### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	6	87	5
Last Week	1	8	80	11
Same Week Last Year	55	36	9	0
1995-1999 Average	17	28	50	5

#### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

**Corn** is 94 percent dented, twelve days behind 1999 but four days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn advanced 13 points to 44 percent mature. This is about ten days behind 1999 but two days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Three percent of corn has been harvested for grain, twelve days behind last year and five days behind the 1995-99 average. Corn harvested for silage is 64 percent complete, three days behind 1999 but about ten days ahead of the five-year average.

Seventy-four percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves. This is about nine days behind 1999 but two days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Thirty-two percent of soybeans are mature, compared to 62 percent last year at this time. Soybeans are 5 percent harvested. This is eleven days behind 1999 and four days behind the 1995-99

average.

**Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 95 percent complete. This is twelve days behind 1999 but five days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Fourth cutting alfalfa is 53 percent complete, about seven days behind last year. **Other hay** third cutting is 74 percent complete, about ten days behind last year and one day behind the 1995-99 average.

**Tobacco** is 86 percent harvested, compared to 80 percent harvested last year at this time. **Winter wheat** planted is 2 percent complete, four days behind 1999 and 2 days behind the 1995-99 average.

**Fall and winter apples** are 46 percent harvested, one day ahead of 1999. **Grapes** are 54 percent harvested, on schedule with last year. **Potatoes** are 87 percent harvested. This is six days ahead of 1999 and 17 days ahead of the 1995-99 average. **Cucumbers** are 99 percent harvested, compared to 100 percent harvested last year at this time. **Processing tomatoes** are 80 percent harvested, five days behind last year but three days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans; attending Farm Science Review; planting winter wheat; shelling corn; chopping silage; harvesting fruits and vegetables; baling hay and straw; cutting and housing tobacco; spreading lime and fertilizer; chopping and spraying weeds; building waterways; constructing grain storage facilities; cutting firewood; fall tillage; clipping wheat stubble; installing conservation practices; reseeding pastures and hay fields; pulling tomato stakes; and attending county fairs.

#### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported weed pressures included giant ragweed, johnsongrass, lambsquarters, ironweed, morning glory, and bindweed. Reported insects included Japanese beetles, yellow jackets, corn borers, aphids, squash bugs, cucumber beetles, and blister beetles. Reported corn diseases included diplodia stalk rot, mold, and rust. Other diseases reported were white mold on soybeans, black rot in grapes, and powdery mildew on pumpkins.

The fruit and vegetable harvest is in full swing throughout Ohio. Producers are busy picking tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, pumpkins, sweet corn, apples, grapes, green beans, melons, and squash. A Medina county reporter mentioned that pumpkins yields are lower than normal this year. In Wayne county, apples and grapes are average to above average in size.

Livestock were reported in good to excellent condition. Calves are being weaned in Monroe and Ross counties. Cool temperatures have kept livestock under minimal stress. In addition, pastures are still rated in mostly good condition.

#### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (fall & winter) harvested	46	44	NA	27	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	95	99	92	89	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	53	71	NA	42	NA
Corn dented	94	100	91	85	95
Corn mature	44	76	39	31	67
Corn harvested for grain	3	13	5	1	15
Corn harvested for silage	64	73	43	43	NA
Cucumbers harvested	99	100	NA	95	NA
Grapes harvested	54	53	NA	46	NA
Other hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	74	89	75	66	NA
Potatoes harvested	87	77	61	86	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	80	87	74	70	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	74	92	71	57	66
Soybeans mature	32	62	NA	16	NA
Soybeans harvested	5	24	10	1	7
Tobacco harvested	86	80	NA	77	NA
Winter wheat planted	2	8	4	NA	13

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24					
CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	22	48	24
Previous Week	2	5	21	47	25
Previous Year	9	15	38	32	6
HAY					
Current Week	0	3	20	60	17
Previous Week	0	3	24	56	17
Previous Year	14	29	35	20	2
PASTURE					
Current Week	1	4	23	59	13
Previous Week	1	4	25	56	14
Previous Year	26	36	30	8	0
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	9	27	45	16
Previous Week	4	10	28	44	14
Previous Year	7	16	36	35	6

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24										
	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	62.5	0.8	1.46	0.86	26.10	6.57	86	-8	2829	-5
North Central	61.5	-0.4	2.07	1.43	26.72	6.61	80	-13	2726	-66
Northeast	61.1	0.1	2.44	1.64	23.66	2.93	76	-13	2568	-78
West Central	62.6	0.1	1.74	1.17	25.31	4.62	90	-8	2930	-16
Central	61.6	-1.4	1.98	1.37	24.33	2.75	86	-14	2942	-37
Central Hills	60.2	-1.3	2.08	1.43	24.05	2.63	75	-17	2694	-71
Northeast Hills	60.0	-2.0	1.69	1.00	23.38	2.14	73	-21	2671	-141
Southwest	62.3	-1.6	1.89	1.24	24.73	2.64	88	-17	3046	-81
South Central	62.6	-1.6	1.03	0.23	22.10	0.48	90	-17	3135	-19
Southeast	60.9	-2.1	1.75	1.02	20.52	-1.16	82	-18	2938	-41
STATE	61.6	-0.9	1.79	1.12	23.99	2.91	83	-15	2866	-51

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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